

# In the United States Court of Federal Claims

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No. 02-1826V

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LAUREY TEDESCHI,  
parent of J.T.G-T, a minor,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

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Autism; Petitioner's Motion for a  
Decision Dismissing the Petition;  
Insufficient Proof of Causation; Vaccine  
Act Entitlement; Denial Without Hearing

### DECISION

On December 10, 2002, Petitioner filed a Petition for Vaccine Compensation in the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program ("the Program"),<sup>1</sup> alleging that various vaccinations injured J.T.G-T. The information in the record, however, does not show entitlement to an award under the Program.

On October 30, 2015, Petitioner moved for a decision dismissing her petition, acknowledging that she will be unable to prove that she is entitled to compensation in the Program.

To receive compensation under the Program, Petitioner must prove either 1) that J.T.G-T suffered a "Table Injury" – i.e., an injury falling within the Vaccine Injury Table – corresponding to one of J.T.G-T's vaccinations, or 2) that J.T.G-T suffered an injury that was actually caused by a vaccine. See §§ 300aa-13(a)(1)(A) and 300aa-11(c)(1). An examination of the record did not uncover any evidence that J.T.G-T suffered a "Table Injury." Further, the record does not contain any other persuasive evidence indicating that J.T.G-T's alleged injury was vaccine-caused.

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<sup>1</sup> The Program comprises Part 2 of the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755, codified as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 300aa-10 *et seq.* (hereinafter "Vaccine Act" or "the Act"). Hereafter, individual section references will be to 42 U.S.C. § 300aa of the Act.

Under the Act, petitioners may not be given a Program award based solely on the petitioners' claims alone. Rather, the petition must be supported by either medical records or by the opinion of a competent physician. § 300aa-13(a)(1). In this case, because there are insufficient medical records supporting Petitioner's claim, a medical opinion must be offered in support. Petitioner, however, has offered no such opinion.

Accordingly, it is clear from the record in this case that Petitioner has failed to demonstrate either that J.T.G-T suffered a "Table Injury" or that J.T.G-T.'s injuries were "actually caused" by a vaccination. **Thus, this case is dismissed for insufficient proof. The Clerk shall enter judgment accordingly.**

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

s/George L. Hastings, Jr.  
George L. Hastings, Jr.  
Special Master